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**For: "ORGANIC THIOL METAL-FREE STABILIZERS AND PLASTICIZERS FOR  
HALOGEN-CONTAINING POLYMERS"**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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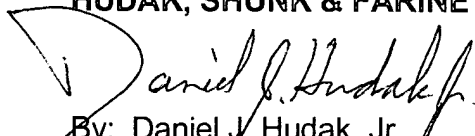
Sir,

The undersigned hereby certifies that the attached **AMENDMENT B, SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, PTO-1449 FORM, 2 REFERENCES AND CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180.00 FOR IDS FEE** was mailed to the Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA, with sufficient first-class postage, no special handling on November 26, 2003, before 5:00 PM, thereby ensuring that such document(s) will be in the hands of the U.S. Postal Service by the close of business this day. Thus, timely response has been made to the outstanding Office Action prior to expiration of the shortened statutory period for the same ending **November 30, 2003**.

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Respectfully submitted,

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